

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An inflator such as for supplying inflation fluid to an inflatable vehicle occupant restraint is provided. Such an inflator includes an elongated hollow tubular member containing an elongated supply of pyrotechnic gas generant material reactable to produce a supply of gas. The tubular member has a length to diameter ratio greater than 20 and includes a plurality of longitudinally-spaced apart gas exit orifices wherethrough at least a portion of the supply of gas provided by reaction of the pyrotechnic gas generant material can be expelled from the tubular member. Also provided are associated or related inflation assemblies and methods for inflatable device inflation.